

# CURL CURL NORTH PUBLIC SCHOOL

 **BAND PROGRAM** 

**2024**

**YEARS 3-6**

 **INFORMATION**  
 **BOOKLET** 

# For 2024 Training Band Students

## Our Band Program Goals for 2024

It is anticipated that in 2024 we will have two bands in our Band Program at Curl Curl North Public School. The beginner band will be known as the Training Band. The second band will be known as the Performance Band.

## Aims

- To give all students who play an instrument the opportunity to play in a group/team corresponding to their level of musical ability.
- To further develop an appreciation and love of music and enhance creative self expression.
- To provide opportunities for band members to perform for their peers and the wider community.

## The Band Conductor will:

- Conduct, guide and assist students as required as part of the Band Program.
- Promote the feeling that band members are part of a team and each person has a significant role to play.
- Assist children to develop and understand their musical instrument.
- Organise the band with Lisa James and the Parent Committee volunteers.
- Provide information and help necessary to parents to ensure success of their child's extra curricula music education.

## Band Rehearsal

Rehearsal time is a time to practice playing together as a band. It is not a time to learn how to play the instrument. That takes place with the instrument tutor and when practising at home.

It is absolutely imperative, that children in the Band Program have a tutor for at least half an hour outside of school time. The tutor should assist your child with assembling the instrument, care and cleaning of the instrument, correct storage and finger placement when playing, practice of the school band conductor's music requests, as well as providing lots of positive encouragement.

Instrument tuition cost can vary greatly. A professional private music teacher at the state tuition rate can charge around \$35 - \$45 for one 30 minute lesson. The cost of tuition will depend on which instrumental tutor you choose for your child. The school will provide a list of suitable instrument tutors, who have been used by families during 2023. Payment for private tuition is an agreement directly between families and the tutors and does not involve the school.

## Students will:

- Attend their rehearsal every week.
- Have their instrument, music and name tag with them each week.
- Play/Practise the tunes at home every week.
- Commit to playing in the Band for at least one year.
- **Not give up when the going gets tough. This is very important.**

## Parents will:

- Encourage their children to practise after each lesson.
- Ensure their child/children are present each week and on time.
- Employ a private tutor for at least 30 minutes per week. The instrument tutor needs to work with the music as set by the Band Conductor. This is really important.
- Communicate any concerns with the Band Conductor or Mrs James. This allows help to be discussed in order to assist and solve difficulties with the student, instruments, music and tutors.
- **Encourage their child to not give up when the going gets tough.**

## Membership Fees

Band fees for 2024 will be \$440.00 per year or \$400 per year if there is more than one child involved in the Band Program, in one family. All band fees for the year need to be paid in advance by week 4 of term one. There is an option to split the payments and pay \$220 or \$200 per Semester, if this makes it easier for your family. Band is a yearly commitment, therefore no refunds are available for students who choose to stop participating in band throughout the year.

## Instrument Hire

Instrument Hire from school in 2024 will be \$100 per term. The hire charge assists with servicing of instruments and the replacement of new instruments.

All instruments will be serviced by a professional person at the end of 2023 prior to being hired to students. Correct care and handling of the instruments is of the **highest importance**. They are delicate and expensive.

There is an expectation that instruments will be maintained in good working order, repaired by the family hiring them if necessary, and returned to school in a good condition. **It is suggested that the instruments hired be included on your home family Contents Insurance Policy because if lost, replacement will be the responsibility of the hirer.**

For those children who may not be offered an instrument to hire from the school. A hire program, with the option to buy, has been set up with Mall Music.

We have the following instruments in the Training Band next year:

**Wind Instruments:** Trumpet, Clarinet, Flute, Alto and Tenor Saxophone, Baritone, Trombone, Euphonium and French Horn

**Percussion Instruments:** Drum Kit, Bass Drum, Congas, Bongos and Bells.

**Note:** We do not just have drummers in the band. They are percussionists and they will rotate through the different percussion instruments.

## In Conclusion

It is our expectation that students continue tuition and their membership of a band for a **minimum** of one year. It takes perseverance and often many months to master the basic skills required to become an instrumentalist. Involvement with a tutor is vital. From experience, we understand and expect student triumphs and success and we also understand diminished enthusiasm often occurs in the beginning stages of learning an instrument. As a parent, if you need help please come and talk to Mrs Boyle or Lisa James our Band Administration Officer.

In years gone by the parent support for the Band Program has been outstanding and we are sure 2024 will also be another excellent year. The School Band Program is only as strong as the parents supporting it and the children's commitment to their team-mates in the band

Educational Research has demonstrated a significant improvement in the study habits, memory retention and mind training of children who play an instrument.

We want all the children in the Band Program to have fun, work hard and experience the joy of playing an instrument.

However, '*effort earns success*' and being a part of a Band Program does require effort and a strong commitment. A commitment to themselves, their music and to the team of young musicians in the band is vital for the overall success of the program.

This commitment is also necessary from Band Parents. There is an expectation that you avail yourself when we have major fundraising activities like a sausage sizzle or disco.

We are committed to providing an abundance of musical opportunities including performances off site for your child and look forward to your support and involvement in the Curl Curl North Public School Band Program throughout 2024 and beyond.